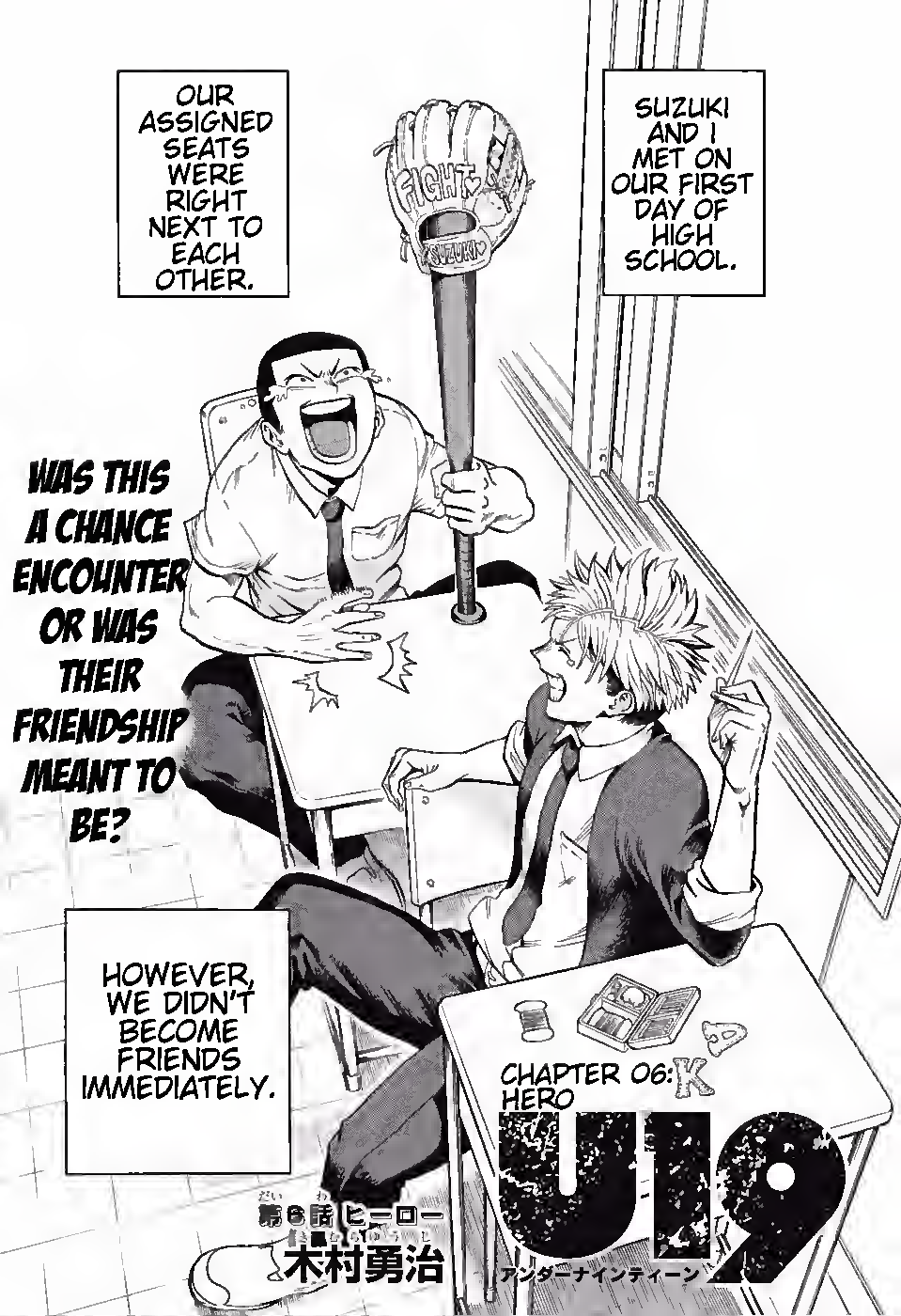
OUR ASSIGNED SEATS WERE RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER.
SUZUKI AND I MET ON OUR FIRST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL.
FIGHT!
SUZUKI
WAS THIS A CHANCE ENCOUNTER OR WAS THEIR FRIENDSHIP MEANT TO BE?
HOWEVER, WE DIDN'T BECOME FRIENDS IMMEDIATELY.
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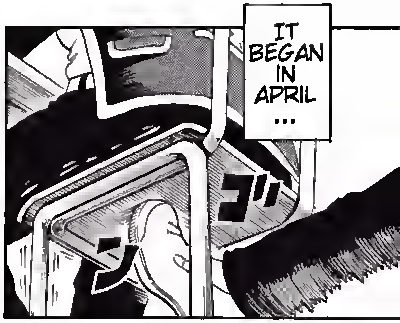
HEY, YOUR NAME IS KUDOU, RIGHT?
WERE YOU EMBARRASSED TO TALK ABOUT IT DURING INTRO-DUCTIONS?
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR SEWING HOBBY.
YOU COULD'VE PLAYED IT SAFE AND SAID YOU LIKED A SPORT OR SOMETHING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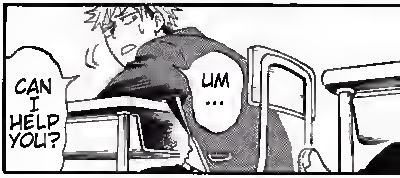
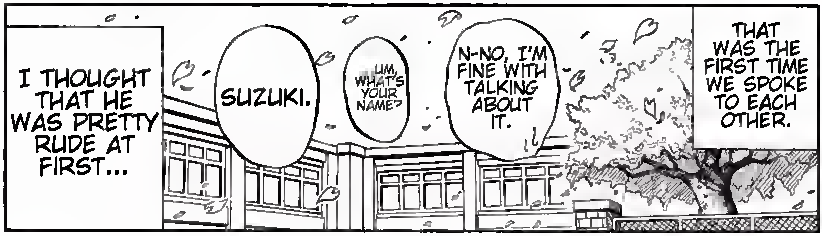

UM ...
CAN I HELP YOU?


I THOUGHT THAT HE WAS PRETTY RUDE AT FIRST...
SUZUKI.
UM, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
N-NO, I'M FINE WITH TALKING ABOUT IT.
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME WE SPOKE TO EACH OTHER.
DESTINY BLOWS LIKE A GENTLE SPRING BREEZE ...

THEN JUST TAKE IT AWAY, DON'T CUT IT UP!
SUZUKI ALWAYS HELD ME BACK WHEN-EVER I LOST MY TEMPER.

MORI IS SENSITIVE TO COLD WEATHER!
LET HER WEAR HER CARDIGAN!!
WOULDN'T IT BE WRONG IF SOMEONE STOOD OUT IN A SEA OF SUMMER UNIFORMS?

...BUT AS THE SEASONS CHANGED, SO DID OUR UNIFORMS.
CUT IT OUT, MR. TANI!!

I DON'T CARE...
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS RUDE, I COULD TELL THAT HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT ME.
IT'S NOT WORTH RISKING YOURSELF OVER, MAN.
YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T START FIGHTING THE ADULTS. 'SPECIALLY NOWADAYS.
ARE YOU STUPID OR SOMETHING?
HEY! HURRY UP, SUZUKI!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT, KUDOU?!
WERE YOU FIXING MORI'S CARDIGAN WHILE WAITING FOR TSUKINO?!
WELL, I DID SAY THAT MY HOBBY WAS SEWING.
HUH?
I'M DONE CLEANING, SO LET'S CHAT!
SORRY I TOOK SO LONG, EIJI!!
NOW GO HOME AND STUDY!
HA HA HA HA HA!!
GRRRR!!!
HEY!!
ポーイ!
YOUR FEMININE HOBBIES HAVE NO PLACE IN MY CLASSROOM!

IT'S THAT SUPER RUDE GUY...
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SUZUKI...
パス
...YOU SHOULD PROBABLY CHANGE YOUR HOBBY...
I ALREADY TOLD YOU...
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HEY SUZUKI, WHERE'S THE BALL?!
HOLD ON JUST A SECOND!
...YOU CONFRONTATIONAL IDIOT!
LOOKING BACK ON IT...
HE THREW IT BACK...?

I'VE ALWAYS OPPOSED THE ADULTS DURING MY SCHOOL LIFE.
AS A RESULT, A LOT OF MY PEERS WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
THEY DIDN'T WANT TO GET IN TROUBLE BECAUSE OF MY REBELLIOUS ACTIONS.
WELL, EXCEPT AKARI.
WAIT, WHAT?
BUT SUZUKI ...
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HEY ...
HEY ...
HEY, HEY, HEY!!
WHY'RE YOU WEARING A CARDIGAN, KUDOU?!
UNTIL WE'RE ALLOWED TO WEAR CARDIGANS
...I'M GONNA WEAR MINE UNTIL GRADUATION.
WHAT-EVER!
DON'T COME CRYING TO ME WHEN YOU GET HEAT STROKE!
HA HA HA HA!
HEH HEH HEH ...
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT, YOU BLOCK HEAD?!
THAT WAS SO RECK-LESS!
YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT!
I COULD TELL ...THAT SUZUKI ...

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BEHIND HIS INSULTS AND HARSH WORDS...
...SUZUKI HAS ALWAYS CARED ABOUT ME.
HEH HEH, IT'S 'CAUSE YOU'RE SUCH A BLOCK HEAD!
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...WAS THE TYPE OF GUY THAT SCREWED AROUND A LOT.
THAT HURTS, YOU KNOW!
I'VE GOTTA ADMIT, YOU'RE BRAVE AS HELL TO BE ABLE TO STAND UP TO MR. TANI.
SHE'S KUROIWA!
MY NAME'S MAEHARA!
HEH... YOU'VE GOT A LIGHTER SIDE, KUDOU?
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE A REBELLIOUS DELINQUENT.
...THAT ARE NOW CLOSE TO ME.
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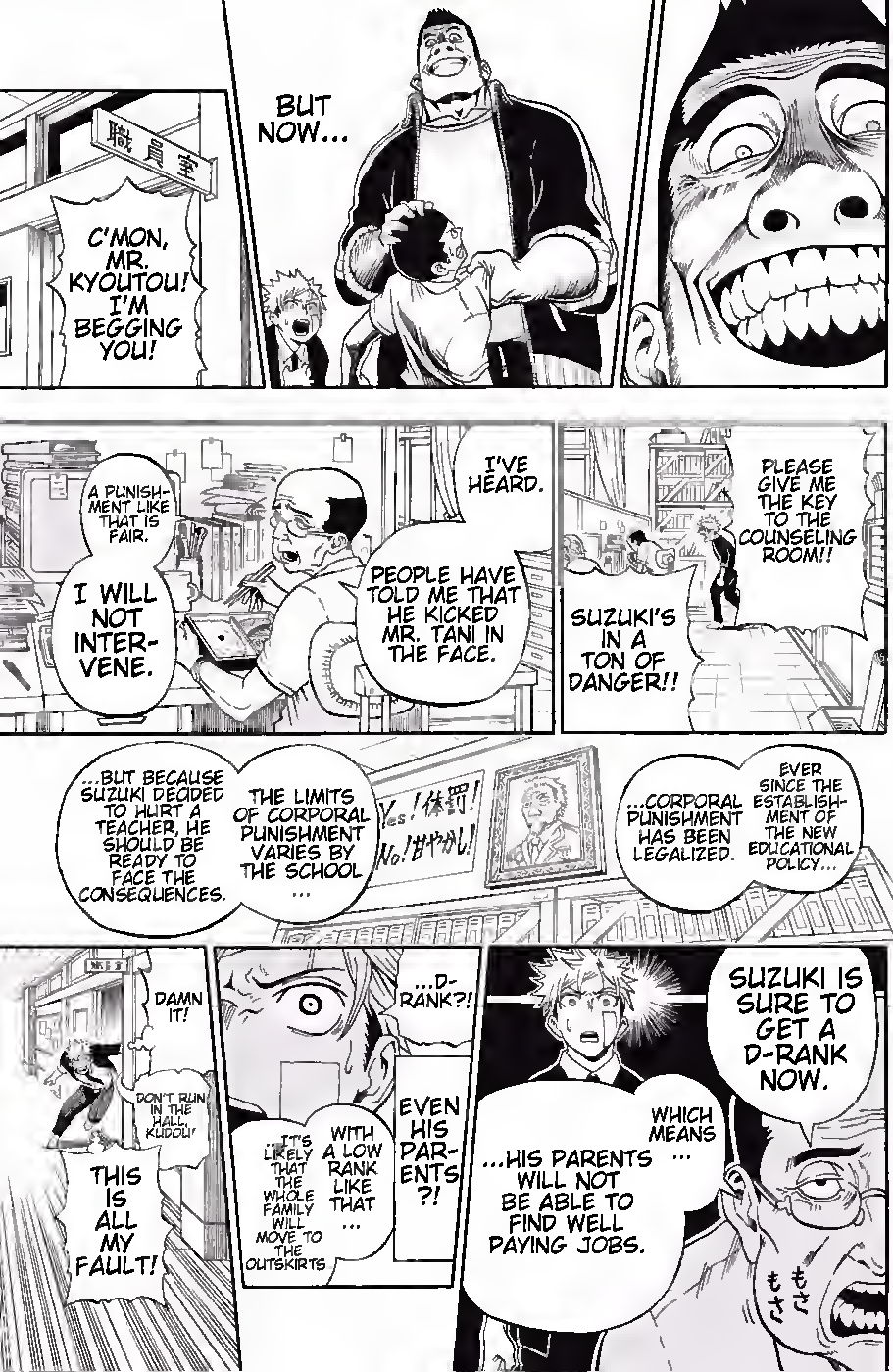
DESPITE MY ACTIONS, I FOUND PEOPLE...
HEY EIJI WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?
THEY ARE MY PRECIOUS FRIENDS!


BUT NOW...
C'MON, MR. KYOUTOU! I'M BEGGING YOU!
I'VE HEARD.
PEOPLE HAVE TOLD ME THAT HE KICKED MR. TANI IN THE FACE.
A PUNISHMENT LIKE THAT IS FAIR.
I WILL NOT INTERVENE.
PLEASE GIVE ME THE KEY TO THE COUNSELING ROOM!!
SUZUKI'S IN A TON OF DANGER!!
...CORPORAL PUNISHMENT HAS BEEN LEGALIZED.
EVER SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW EDUCATIONAL POLICY...
THE LIMITS OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT VARIES BY THE SCHOOL ...
...BUT BECAUSE SUZUKI DECIDED TO HURT A TEACHER, HE SHOULD BE READY TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES.
SUZUKI IS SURE TO GET A D-RANK NOW.
WHICH MEANS ...
...HIS PARENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FIND WELL PAYING JOBS.
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...D-RANK?!
EVEN HIS PARENTS?!
WITH A LOW RANK LIKE THAT ...
IT'S LIKELY THAT THE WHOLE FAMILY WILL MOVE TO THE OUTSKIRTS
DAMN IT!
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
DON'T RUN IN THE HALL, KUDOU!

THE ENTRANCE IS SMEARED WITH BLOOD ...
...AND ALL OF THE WINDOWS ARE SEALED...
OPEN THE DOOR, MR. TANI!!!
I'VE ONLY SEEN THE INSIDE OF THIS ROOM ONCE.
I SAW SCISSORS, HAMMERS, METAL PIPES, CROWBARS, AND OTHER HORRIFYING THINGS.
THAT ROOM IS A TORTURE CHAMBER.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KUDOU?
I'M GONNA BEAT YOUR BODY TO A PULP!
I HOPE YOU'RE READY TO DIE, SUZUKI!
DAMN IT ALL!!!

NANA-MI!
HEY, DO...
DO YOU HAVE YOUR PEN-SWORD ON YOU?
I STILL CAN'T CONTROL MY THREAD ...
...PLEASE, OPEN THE DOOR WITH YOUR LIBIDO!
KUDOU ...
DO YOU WANT ONIGIRI WITH SALMON FOR LUNCH?
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.....
...WHAT?!
DO YOU WANT SOMETHING ELSE?
I BOUGHT A FEW THINGS FOR YOU IN THE CAFETERIA.
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WE'RE TAKING A BREAK RIGHT NOW, SO...
HEY ...
...IT'S IDEAL TO KEEP YOUR ENERGY UP FOR CLASS.
HEY ...
HEY!
LISTEN, KUDOU.
DON'T TRY TO STOP SUZUKI'S PUNISH-MENT.
WHAT?!

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WORSE YET, YOU WANT TO USE THE LIBIDO HERE.
I TOLD YOU THAT THE LIBIDO IS OUR TRUMP CARD.
YOU CANNOT USE IT IN PUBLIC. ESPECIALLY NOT IN FRONT OF AN ADULT.
HE DID THIS TO HIMSELF.
HE EARNED HIS PUNISH-MENT.
IT HAPPENS A LOT IN THIS DAY AND AGE.
HE REACTED TO MR. TANI'S INSULTS WHILE YOU ENDURED THEM.
NANA-MI...
WHAT?
YOU'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND!
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT...
GIVE UP KUDÔU.
I KNOW THAT, NANAMI..
BUT-
...THAT YOU JUST SOUNDED LIKE AN ADULT?!
ARE YOU AWARE...

STOPPING STUFF LIKE THIS FROM HAPPENING...
...IS WHAT GARAGE KID IS ALL ABOUT, RIGHT?!
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FOR STANDING UP TO MR. TANI ...
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
トサ
...SUZUKI MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO PLAY BASEBALL AGAIN!
SUZUKI'S ALWAYS BEEN A BIT HARSH...
AREN'T YOU ANGRY, KUDOU?!
ISN'T WHAT HE'S SAYING MAKING YOU FURIOUS?!
...AND HE HAS INSULTED ME A LOT...
...BUT ALL OF THAT HAS BEEN FOR MY SAKE!
HE KNEW THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE FOR SUCH A RECKLESS ACTION!
I'M GOING TO...
?
...RETURN THE FAVOR!!
IF I CAN'T EVEN SAVE MY OWN FRIEND...
!!?
...THEN THE REVOLUTION WE'RE FIGHTING FOR MEANS NOTHING!!

I'M GONNA SAVE SUZUKI ...
...AND YOU'RE NOT GONNA STOP ME!!!
!!?
THE NEEDLE APPEARED!
WHAT ?!
HIS LIBIDO ONLY AWOKE A DAY AGO...
IF I'M RIGHT, THIS IS ITS THIRD APPEARANCE!
COULD IT BE THAT HE ALREADY KNOWS HOW TO USE IT?!
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A NEEDLE AND A THREAD?
I'VE GIVEN IT SOME THOUGHT...
I TOLD YOU TO BE CAREFUL!
SHUT IT, YOU FOUR-EYED FREAK!
WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE OUT THERE?!
HOLD ON!
WHAT ?!

KUDOU, YOUR THREAD IS THE WEAKEST LIBIDO THERE IS!
HEY!!
IT'S THIN, FAR TOO ORDINARY, AND VERY FEMININE!
IT IS UNFIT FOR COMBAT!
シュル…
WHO SAID I WAS USING IT FOR COMBAT?
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SEWING IS MY HOBBY!
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I'M A PRO AT USING A NEEDLE AND THREAD!
I'LL SHAPE THIS THREAD INTO ANY-THING!
HE MADE A KEY!
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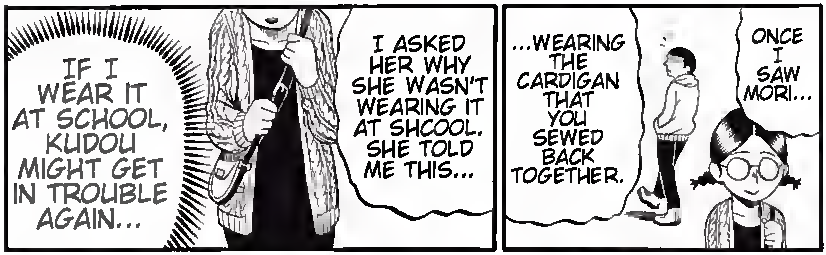
カチン!
SUZUKI, PLEASE BE OKAY!
ガラ!
WE'RE HERE NOW! YOU'RE SAFE!

HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE WITH KUDOU?!
NANA-MI!
"COUGH"
"COUGH"
WHAT THE HELL?!
HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?!
HAH
NO... SUZU-KI!!
HAH
KU... DOU...
STOP RIGHT THERE, KUDOU!
!?
DO YOU HAVE PER-MISSION TO BE IN HERE?!
DON'T USE YOUR LIBIDO ...
PLEASE, KUDOU ...
RESTRAIN HIM.
I'M TOO LATE...
!!

!!?
THIS IS THE...
NOT...
AGAIN...!
STITCH HIS MOUTH SHUT!
DON'T TRY TO STOP ME, NANAMI!
THAT WASN'T A DREAM!
HEY! I TOLD YOU NOT TO USE IT!
YOU DIDN'T... HAVE TO...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! I CAME TO SAVE YOU FROM YOUR PUNISHMENT!!
HUH?
WHY ARE YOU HERE, YOU DAMNED IDIOT...?
MM MF FF!
SUZUKI! ARE YOU OKAY?!
HEH HEH HEH...
WHAT?!
THINK ABOUT IT...
...MR. TANI IS ALWAYS ON YOUR CASE...
I WAS JUST...
...TAKING MY FAIR SHARE OF THE BEATING.

...BECAUSE YOU'RE THE HERO OF OUR CLASS.
.....!?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH HAVING LONG HAIR...
...OR BEING LEFT-HANDED...
WE WERE ALL JUST SCARED OF MR. TANI...
YOU SAID THE THINGS WE ALWAYS WANTED TO.
I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T REALIZE IT...


ONCE I SAW MORI...
...WEARING THE CARDIGAN THAT YOU SEWED BACK TOGETHER.
I ASKED HER WHY SHE WASN'T WEARING IT AT SHCOOL. SHE TOLD ME THIS...
IF I WEAR IT AT SCHOOL, KUDOU MIGHT GET IN TROUBLE AGAIN...

ACTUALLY, I REALLY WANT TO THANK HIM!
BUT IF I DO THAT...
...MR.TANI MIGHT GET ANGRY...
...AND SCOLD KUDOU AGAIN!
EVERYONE LOVES WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR THEM!
THEY'RE SO GRATEFUL...
...AND THEY WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU!

...BUT NO ONE COULD SAY ANYTHING!
NO ONE WANTED MR. TANI TO SET HIS SIGHTS ON YOU...
...BECAUSE THEN HE'D TAKE HIS ANGER OUT ON YOU!
!!!
THAT'S WHY...
THESE WOUNDS ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT YOU'VE HAD TO PUT UP WITH ALL THIS TIME.
KUDOU, YOU ARE...
OUR HERO.
SUZUKI ...
YOU IDIOT ...
!?
AHH! I CAN SPEAK AGAIN!
WHERE DID IT GO?!
WHERE IS MY BASEBALL BAT?!
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...YOUR BASE-BALL BAT?!
OF ALL OF THE OBJECTS IN THIS ROOM...
!!?
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YOU CHOSE TO BEAT SUZUKI ...
...WITH A BASEBALL BAT?!
YOU'VE TAKEN AWAY ...
YOU'RE ABSOLUTE TRASH!
...IS WRAPPING AROUND HIS HAND!
THE RED THREAD...
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...SUZUKI'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE!!!
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